

**Research and Development Project on
Solar Energy Systems**

- (i) Design Development and Performance study of a Solar distillation plant using Multi evaporation technique at Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat.
- (ii) Monitoring and Performance evaluation of 25 litre Zeolite refrigeration and development and testing of a 150 litre system for industrial application at Vallabh Bhavnagar, Gujarat.
- (iii) A Salt Gradient Solar Pond at Dutch dairy (Bhuj).
- (iv) Study of the suitability of Solar Pond as the source of low temperature thermal energy or industrial application at Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

[English]

Decline in Tourist Flow in J & K
6227. SHRI RAMESHWAR
PATIDAR:

**SHRI ANANTRAO
DESHMUKH:**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of decrease in the number of domestic and foreign tourists, separately visiting Kashmir since 1989 than that of the last three years;

(b) the efforts being made to encourage the tourists to visit Kashmir and to protect and maintain the tourist spots there; and

(c) the estimated loss of foreign exchange due to decline in the number of tourists during each of the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Statistics of tourist traffic to the whole of Kashmir is not available. However, according to the figures furnished by the State Government, the estimated number of tourists who visited Kashmir Valley during the last three years are as given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Domestic tourists</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Foreign tourists</i>	<i>% Change</i>
1989	490,215	—	67,762	—
1990	6,095	-98.7	4,637	-93.2
1991	1,409	-76.9	5,006	8.2

(b) The prevailing conditions in Kashmir Valley do not encourage the tourists to visit that region. However, efforts are being made to give wider publicity and development of tourist attractions in other areas of Kashmir

particularly Ladakh region.

(c) The estimates of foreign exchange earnings from tourism are not worked out place-wise and State wise.

Teaming up of Vayudoot with Air India

6228 SHRI MUKUM BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Vayudoot is seeking to team up with the Air India to prepare a network or carrying the Air India passengers from Major international airports in the country to the interior points, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The modalities in this behalf are being worked out jointly by Air India and Vyudoot

National Broadcasting Council

6229 SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state

(a) whether the Government propose to form a National Broadcasting Council, and

(b) if so, the details of its composition and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS)

(a) and (b) The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 provides for the establishment of a Broadcasting Council. The Council is envisaged of a President and ten other members to be appointed by the President of India from amongst persons of eminence in public life, four Members of Parliament of whom two from the House of the People to be nominated by the Speaker thereof and two from the Council of States to

be nominated by the Chairman thereof. The Broadcasting Council has not yet been established as many essential formalities need to be completed and various steps taken before the Prasar Bharati Act can be implemented.

[Translation]

Strike by IA Pilots

6230 SHRI RAM BADAN SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Dainik Jagaran' dated February 11, 1992 regarding strike by pilots,

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide the same facilities to the pilots of the Indian Airlines as is being provided to the pilots of the Air India,

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

(d) The pilots of Indian Airlines and Air India are governed by different sets of service regulations and settlements reached by the managements with the respective trade unions. Therefore, the question of the pilots of both Indian Airlines and Air India being provided with the same facilities does not arise.